

**Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency
Regular Meeting
Woodstock Town Hall – Meeting Room 1
Monday, August 2, 2021 – 7:00pm**

Minutes

I. Call to Order: Chairman Mark Parker called the meeting to order at 7:19pm.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Mark Parker, William Rewinski, Marla Butts, and Stuart Peaslee (Alternate)

Members Absent: N/A

Quorum: Yes.

Others Present: Wetlands Agent Ashley Stephens, Former Wetlands Agent Tina Lajoie, and Ryan Sansoucy

III. Appointment of Alternates (if necessary): Stuart Peaslee was seated.

IV. Action on minutes of previous meeting – July 12, 2021: Mr. Rewinski pointed out that on the fourth page, second paragraph **Marfa** should be **Marla**.

Stuart Peaslee, seconded by Marla Butts, made a motion to **approve** the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency Meeting Minutes as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.**

V. Pending Applications:

06-21-05 Ryan Sansoucy – 72 Indian Spring Road – Adding Beach Sand: Ryan Sansoucy explained due to several unforeseen circumstances the scope of the project has changed since the July meeting. Mr. Sansoucy stated that his clients only want to seed the lawn and to add beach sand to the waterfront when Witches Woods Lake is drawn down. Mr. Sansoucy stated that his clients wish to have the drywells and other erosion controls that are currently in place cleaned out and maintained. The clients plan to fix the retaining wall at another time.

Marla Butts, seconded by William Rewinski, made a motion to **approve** the application 06-21-05 to modified to withdraw the construction of any retaining wall, but maintaining stabilization of soil, installation of subsurface drains, to construct a dry well & the stockpiling of beach sand in Witches Woods Lake about eight feet beyond the high-water line. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VI. New Applications:

08-21-07 D. H. Copeland Builders – 29 Loyola Road – new house with activities within the UPA: Former Wetlands Agent Tina Lajoie stated that she and the newly appointed Wetlands Agent Ashley Stephens visited the site before this evening's meeting. Ms. Lajoie stated that the silt fences have been installed and that there will not be a retaining wall built. Mrs. Lajoie stated that the slope at the site is not as steep as expected. Ms. Lajoie and Ms. Stephens feel that this application can be approved as a Wetlands Agent sign off.

Marla Butts, seconded by William Rewinski, made a motion to **approve** application 08-21-07 D. H. Copeland – 29 Loyola Road – new house with activities within the UPA to be processed as a Wetlands Agent sign off. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. Preliminary Discussion:

There was discussion regarding the pending application to be filed by Christopher Mark, 450 Brickyard Road, to dredge the moat on his property. Members of the Agency discussed the possible need of water diversion permits and ecological impact reports. The idea of an archaeological study no longer seems important to this project.

VIII. Administrative Business:

Former Wetlands Agent Tina Lajoie stated that she approved wetlands applications applied for by Ryan Sansoucy for the following property addresses:

- 72 Indian Spring Road – For the removal of 6 dead trees in the UPA due to gypsy moth damage.
- 49 Crooked Trail Extension – For the removal of 3 dead oak trees in the UPA due to gypsy moth damage.

A complaint was received regarding 129 Roseland Park Road and the removal of a lot of vegetation. A letter will be sent to the property owner.

A complaint was received concerning heavy equipment being used to do work in a wetlands area at 253 Rocky Hill Road. The property owner has been issued a notice of warning and asked to attend the September meeting to explain the work that is being done at the property.

Mr. Peaslee asked for an update on the complaint regarding the application of copper sulfate on a property on Crooked Trail Extension that neighbors feel is harming trees on their property. Ms. Lajoie stated that the property owner had emailed her stating that the damage being done to the area trees was not caused by the copper sulfate but by the chestnut borer.

Ashley Stephens, the new Wetlands Agent introduced herself. She received her master's degree in Geography and Sustainability. While studying for her degree she had internships in Land Use Offices. Until she accepted this position, she was the Assistant Land Use Administrator for the Town of Willington. Ms. Stephens has achieved her Wetlands Agent Certification and has taken all her classes for her CAZEO certification. She hopes to take the CAZEO certification test in the fall.

Ms. Lajoie stated that this will be her last Inland-Wetlands & Watercourses Agency meeting. As Ms. Stephens becomes more familiar with her position Ms. Lajoie will be slowly decreasing her hours.

The Agency spent some time discussing the erosion issues on Paine Road that are creating damage to Mr. Petro's property, and what some of the causes could be contributing to it. The Agency spent time editing the draft letter to be sent to the First Selectmen expressing their concern with the problems on Paine Road and asking for a study to see how best to resolve these issues.

When Ms. Butts has completed the revisions to the letter, she will email a copy to Ms. Stephens for Mr. Parker to sign.

X. Adjournment: William Rewinski, seconded by Stuart Peaslee, made a motion to adjourn at 8:53pm. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Christine G. French
Acting Recording Secretary